

Proclamation

WILLIAM ASHBY DAY
October 15, 1979

- WHEREAS: William M. Ashby, a distinguished citizen of Newark, today celebrates his 90th birthday, and he and his wife, Mary, recently marked their 65th wedding anniversary; and
- WHEREAS: William M. Ashby has been a tireless servant of his community and a steadfast champion of racial equality, interracial understanding, and social justice; and
- WHEREAS: William M. Ashby was a founder of the Urban League of Essex County and the United Way of Newark, and has been active with the Newark Human Rights Commission, the Newark Senior Citizens Commission and many other organizations; and
- WHEREAS: William M. Ashby was the first Black full-time social worker in New Jersey, and has helped untold numbers of people — particularly the Black, the poor and the elderly — to find a better life in Newark; and
- WHEREAS: William M. Ashby, with the constant support of his wife, continues to devote his considerable energy and wisdom to the betterment of our city, and continues to demonstrate his unwavering faith in our future; and
- WHEREAS: The Newark Preservation and Landmarks Committee, of which Mr. Ashby was a founder, is honoring Mr. and Mrs. Ashby at a banquet this evening at Thomm's Restaurant;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, KENNETH A. GIBSON, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, do hereby proclaim Monday, October 15, 1979 as

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in the City of Newark and call upon all citizens of Newark to pay tribute to William Ashby and his wife for their long service and deep devotion to our community, and to wish them many more years of positive endeavor. I propose that all citizens honor the Ashbys by rededicating ourselves to the values which they embody so well: Dignity and decency, candor and compassion, loyalty to our city, and love for all its people.

SIGNED: _____

MAYOR

